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The Arizona Department of Education Hires Deputy Superintendent of Programs and Policy

(Phoenix, Ariz. - August 17, 2012) State Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal today announced that Dr. Jennifer M. Johnson was named Deputy Superintendent of Programs and Policy for the Arizona Department of Education, replacing John Stollar. Her first day at the Department will be August 30.

Johnson will have oversight for the following divisions: Accountability and Assessment, Highly Effective Teachers and Leaders, Research and Evaluation, High Academic Standards for Students and Highly Effective Schools.

With over 35 years of experience in education, Johnson began her career as a high school teacher in southern California and has spent the last 32 years with the Glendale Union High School District, first as a teacher and ending as the district's Superintendent. Johnson has been most recently honored with both the Arizona School Administrators Distinguished Superintendent and Principal Awards.

Superintendent Huppenthal announced, "I am pleased that Dr. Johnson will be joining the Department of Education. She brings a breadth of knowledge and leadership to the Department that will be a strong asset to our team and continue our increased customer service to the community."

Her background also includes professional memberships with the Arizona School Administrators, American Association of School Administrators and Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

"I am really looking forward to this opportunity to work with the Department and collaborate with a great team of individuals who are truly striving to move the needle on education in the state," said Dr. Jennifer Johnson.

Johnson earned her doctorate of education and her certification in Arizona Principalship from Arizona State University. Additionally, she earned her bachelor of science from Northern Arizona University and her master of arts from California State University.

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